

quilt which will be doubly prized as being an expression of their good will.

Christmas at Listie was made especially happy to us all by our being permitted on that day to receive into the church one of our friends a young man who had accepted Christ about ten days before. Just as it was getting dark Christmas evening he was baptized in a stream near by and that evening was taken into the church. The new year—new century—has begun well at Listie. This is a hopeful field. May the Lord grant the church here a prosperous and useful year.

At Jones Mills we began a series of meetings the last Sunday in the old year and continued ten days when we were compelled to close on account of the ill health of nearly every one in the community. The "Grippe" laid hold of old and young till there was hardly a well member of the church. Under these circumstances we closed until a more favorable time not without feeling that the meeting had been blessed. There are souls here who are near the kingdom and we expect to see them saved soon.

Both Listie and Jones Mills are in want of a pastor to take charge, April 1, as my resignation closes my pastorate here at that time.

The committee at Listie to attend to this matter is John D. Saylor, Friedens, P., Henry Yinkey, Listie, P., and Jos. Miller, Bills P. O., Pa. I pray that the Lord may guide a shepherd to these flocks.

MARCUS A. WITTER.

Communion Notice

The Mulvane Brethren will hold their quarterly love feast at the new church on Saturday evening, Feb. 2, 1901. An invitation is extended to all. Any one coming by R. R. please write us a card.

L. G. Woor.

Martinsburg, Pa.

On Sunday eve, the 13th, brother S B Furry filled Brother Keller's appointment there to the satisfaction of all present. He read for a lesson the 38th chapter of Job. Where God tested Job's knowledge and taught him his power. He took for a text Rev. 19:1. Brother S B entered the pulpit not knowing what God might say thru him. He evidently was with him in meditation and prayer, hence had explicit confidence in his aid to preach his word.

Brother Keller is at present engaged in a protracted meeting at New Enterprise, of his success we have as yet heard nothing. The churches here have called Brother Keller to remain, and he was accepted. He will in the near future move his family to Martinsburg.

The cause loses nothing under his care. He has a hard field to work, but has proved himself equal to it. With Brother Keller's congeniality he has endeavored himself to all. In energy he is not wanting in spirituality God blesses him. We have the moving of our church house from Fredricksburg to Martinsburg under way.

D. M. REPLOGLE.

Harrisonburg, Va.

I notice your earnest request for church news. So we fall in line with many others who give general news.

Bethlehem:—The work here is moving along very nicely. The music convention was more than the expectations of the most sanguine. "All who attended were greatly pleased and benefited as Prof. J. H. Hall is a first class theorist as well as an artistic singer." There were music teachers here from five different states. There was an enrollment of 75. There is no use for me to attempt to tell you of the sweet music rendered by the convention in the most artistic manner, as we only realize the sweetness of song by hearing.

Arkton:—At this appointment we have lately had three confessions who will be baptized in the near future. The brethren there are very hopeful.

The Franklin Mission:—I must not forget to make mention of the brethren and sisters there. They are moving along very nicely. Lately they

sent us by express a box full of fish, fresh and fine, caught from the South Branch of the Patomac. We are glad we are remembered and say, "many thanks, brethren."

We will, if the Lord spares us, continue the work in Virginia at least till April 1, 1902. Brethren pray for us.

J. I. HALL.

Milford, Ind.

My pen has been silent for some time so I will write some thoughts that I have gleaned along the way. First we have passed out of the old year and into the new century, so may we live to do the Master's will. We thank our heavenly Father for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us thru the year that is past and gone in making our lives more Christ-like. We feel thine ever-lasting arms about us when we try to do his will. He has promised to be with us when we do his holy will. Oh, that more might seek Christ while they are young so they can glorify Christ.

The church at Milford is still alive and moving along tho we have no pastor, but we have Christ in our hearts, or at least I feel that Christ is guiding us. So far we have been without a pastor. On last Tuesday night Brother Rensch was called to Milford, so he preached for us. At the close of the service he gave an invitation for them to come to Christ to which seven responded, and yesterday two more; so you see that God is in our midst. Now we have no preaching. The other churches held their meeting or the one and only got a few. The Methodists are in session now with no additions. So far good seed has been sown. Now those people that came in yesterday and the other night made up their minds to come in to the church and sent for Brother Rensch to come. So God must be in their hearts; they are worthy of his name. Our Sunday school is doing well. We have over a hundred scholars now. We have good endeavor meeting or young people's meeting and the prayer meeting is getting better. This is as it should be. There is more of the spirit of Christ manifested in the hearts of the people. My prayer is that this interest may continue to grow in us all that we may be better men and women. Now I received one copy of the booklet, "The Power and the Word," and I am well pleased with it. Our church paper is doing a good work. I am well pleased with it. It gives me news that I do not get elsewhere. May God bless our editor and make him a strong man for God's service. May rich blessings come to all the churches thru-out the brotherhood. Spiritually, I feel that God is ever present. Oh, what comfort it gives me to love and serve him. Praise his holy name.

MRS. W. J. ORN

Trans-Missouri Flashes

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of preaching in the Pony Creek, Brethren church, one of the most historic spots in my church relation.

For fundamentals go to Jesus Christ. For methods go to common sense.

Brethren J B Whipkey of Carleton, Neb., and A. W. Lichty of Morrill, Kan., are practical Christians. The former thrust his hand into my vest pocket recently. With the latter I simply shook hand.

The article by brother Ruff in the closing number of last century's EVANGELIST is worth all the EVANGELIST costs for one year.

Professors S Z Sharp just closed a successful Bible normal in the G. B. church at Morrill.

Young man beware, evil habits formed in youth become more fixed as you grow older in life.

Too many join church without conviction of personal sin on their part. Result. The church turned into an entertainment shop.

Don't be afraid my brother to be original, or to be called a crank. Have the courage of your convictions. It takes cranks to turn and move things. We can't turn a grindstone without cranks.

Success in life does not necessarily consist in gain-

ing wealth, fame, applause or reputation, but in the building of true character.

Try to please God, my friend, whether you please men or not.

Forms are all right when intelligently used. But the great thing needful is guidance by the Holy Spirit.

Unity with Christ means that we agree with him.

If the floor and furniture in Brother McFadden's brain house are correspondingly pure with the "dust" he sweeps out in the EVANGELIST, how it must glitter.

W. J. H. BAUMVN.

Morrill, Kan.

Bryan, Ohio

The first week of our protracted meeting in the Bethesda congregation has almost gone by. The outlook for a good meeting is good. Considering the weather we have no room for complaint or discouragement. Thus far two have promised to unite with us. Next week, we expect brother L. S. Bauman with us, we hope by the grace of God to induce many souls to "sweep and garnish their houses" and instead of being occupied by the devil, to have them occupied by the Lord of heaven, the redeemer of man. Our constant prayers are that satan may be made to tremble in every home in this community where the Savior has not yet been received. This community needs a good awakening. There are heads of families here, whose influence in behalf of their children ought to be on the side of Christ. Will the brotherhood remember us in their prayers for a good ingathering of souls?

S. B. GRISSE

A New Church Organized

Our cause is prospering here at Sunnyside. Our membership has been steadily growing ever since we came here two years ago. Brother Harrison has preached for us every other Sunday since he came. Elders Eby, Miller and Watkins, of the German Baptists, do most of the preaching. We have four services each Lord's day. At our S S we have had as many as 181 in attendance. Our preaching services are all largely attended and the C E is one of the liveliest, most spiritual and intellectual young people's society I have ever associated with. The German Baptists with a membership of over 40, are building a church 32x50 ft. The foundation is laid and the lumber will be on the ground soon. The Episcopalians are building a handsome church 29x58 ft. This will be principally a stone structure and for architectural attainments will be hard to excel. All the rest of the churches have formed the Sunnyside Church Federation. It is composed of the Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, Brethren and Disciple churches. The membership being in the order here named. The purpose of this organization is to hold together in a united effort all the spiritual and intellectual forces of these churches. There will be Presbyterians, Free Methodists and others who will work with us in carrying out our purposes. The power and spiritual influence of our united efforts, as from week to week we have gathered in our commodious double rooms of the Sunnyside school house have been a great surprise to the promoters of the Christian Cooperative Colony as well as to the old settlers and the new comers. No one comes to us and remains with us over one Sunday service but goes away pleased, and those mostly interested in the good cause fully realize that the Lord is in this work. To carry out the purpose of our church federation we have decided to erect a building large enough to accommodate a large congregation. The plans are so laid that when completed we can accommodate from 700 to 1000 people. Only a little over one half of the proposed structure is to be built at once and as in the building so in the organization. We are laying the foundation for one of the largest and strongest societies against satan and his forces in the west. Each of the denominations joining this federation is expected to be organized and not to lose its identity or its individuality in the cooperative effort against the devil. Pursuant to this purpose